

# Sacramento Watershed - Lower

Encouraging best management practices to improve the health of Willow Slough

Yolo County; State Senate District 5, State Assembly District 2



## YOLO COUNTY RCD



The Yolo County Resource Conservation District (RCD) Watershed Coordinator, in partnership with Solano RCD and the Putah Creek Council, provided technical support and guidance to Willow Slough Watershed landowners. The Watershed Coordinator helped to initiate three restoration projects along Chickahominy Slough. One project, a hedgerow and riparian vegetation planting project along two miles of Chickahominy slough, resulted in over 4,000 native trees and shrubs planted and nearly 20 acres of native grasses and forbs planted within the riparian zone.

The city of Woodland occupies a large footprint within the Willow Slough Watershed. The Coordinator worked with the City on several native vegetation restoration, vegetation management, and water conservation projects enhancing open space for wildlife and improving water quality.

The Watershed Coordinator secured \$400,000 in funding for various watershed improvement projects. These projects were implemented in part by local high school students through the Center for Land-Based Learning's (CLBL) Student and Landowner Education and Watershed Stewardship (SLEWS) program. SLEWS helps to link high school students to their local watershed by pairing environmental education with hands-on field experience.

For more information visit the Yolo County RCD website at <http://www.yolorcd.org>

- Established a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Woodland to provide ecosystem restoration on city open space land and water conservation guidance for city residents
- Developed partnership with City of Woodland and UC Master Gardeners to conduct annual water conservation workshops for city residents
- Developed vegetation management plan for the City of Woodland's East Regional storm water pond
- Helped to develop the 'Welcome to the Watershed' natural resource directory for Yolo County residents
- Developed watershed educational materials and displays for the Yolo County Fair which attracts 140,000-142,000 local attendees every year

***"Watershed coordinator funding has given us the resources to develop projects and spend time educating local farmers, ranchers, and the general public."***

***- Chris Robbins, Watershed Coordinator***

**PARTNERS INCLUDED: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service • City of Woodland • Audubon California • Yolo Land Trust • Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District • Center for Land-Based Learning Woodland High School agricultural students**